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LOOKING AHEAD

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TIME FOR ACTION

Rep. Craig Hosmer of California and Sen. Prescott Bush of Connecticut have introduced a joint resolution in Congress calling for application of the Monroe Doctrine to halt the take-over of Latin American countries by international communism. It would empower the United States to act in self-defense under Article 51 of the U.N. Charter in any Latin American country threatened with communist take-over. It would provide for immediate action in Cuba.

The joint resolution now rests in the Foreign Affairs Committees of the Senate and House. American citizens should make known to Congress their opinion on this important legislation. Alarmed at developments in Cuba and other Latin American countries in which the communists have deeply penetrated, Congressman Hosmer announced his resolution with the following statement:

Clear And Present Danger

"Threats by international communism to leap-frog the Atlantic and take-over countries of the Western Hemisphere both by infiltration of existing governments and by seizing control of liberal revolutionary movements constitutes a clear and present danger. In asking for prompt congressional and prompt administrative action on the doctrine of the Joint Resolution, I am seeking United States initiative and action to stop the Reds now, before it is too late. Unless we do so, we permit the stage to be set for a series of Red 'back-door' take-overs that eventually could engulf not only the Americas, ourselves, but the entire free world as well.

"Simply stated, the Joint Resolution does the following:

"(1) Recognizes the vital danger to all American nations of a direct or indirect intervention by international communions into any one of them.

"(2) Re-affirms the Monroe Doctrine's warning to European nations to keep 'hands off' the two American continents.

"(3) Applies the Monroe Doctrine to international communism, whether operating openly or under subversive disguise.

In Self-Defense

"(4) Labels any direct or indirect intervention by international communism anywhere in the New World as a danger to peace and security of all American states justifying immediate exercise of these nations' inherent right of self-defense.

"(5) Authorizes immediate individual or collective self-defense action by the American nations to forestall subversive intervention by international communism anywhere in the Americas.

"(6) Provides for an inter-American administration of any American nation so rescued from international communism pending restoration of a government of the people, by the people and for the people."

"It is our duty to act decisively to forestall this threat. It is in our tradition of initiative to achieve and preserve freedom begun in 1776 that we do so. It is possible for us so to act wholly within the framework of accepted international law and principles."

Reds Have penetrated

There can be no doubt about the danger to American security of a Cuba in the hands of international communism. And there can be little doubt that it is already in the hands of international communism. The situation in the rest of Central and South America is frightening. General C. P. Cabell, deputy director of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency, in testimony to the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security said communist power is swiftly expanding in South America.

Gen. Cabell said Red leaders "realize that the United States is more susceptible to hurt in this area than elsewhere" and that their program involves "the exploitation of the Cuban revolution as an example of a successful liberation struggle which should be emulated by" other Latin American countries. He reported heavy penetration of nine South American countries.

"If," warned Congressman Hosmer, "the communists efforts to control countries on the American continent are not thwarted, the United States will become subject to destructive sneak attack from Red missile bases almost within sight of our own Southern cities."